

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, September 1, 1875, with transcript

Salem, Mass. Sept. 1st, 1875. Dear Miss Mabel,

I send you these few lines that you may see I did not make a mistake in going to you Saturday.

I have just received a very kind letter from my father written in great distress asking me to come home at once. Although Mr. Dempster — (to whose care I had directed the telegram) now lives I find in Toronto — my father received it before the letter arrived so that my mother has not seen it at all.

He says:-

“Never allow yourself to think any sort of unloving thought in reference to your parents! Under all circumstances take for granted their affection and true interest as life-long.

“Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee”!

Come home and rest. We shall forget the breaches of this commandment of which you have seemingly been guilty and shall conclude that “blood ill-tempered veneth you”.

I took Mama for a trip to Niagara as an antidote to the effects of your last letter. She is better.

You will find no change in our affection and we still hope that we have left to us a “good son”.

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In any events you have our best wishes and full sympathy”

Dr. Allen's funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon — and I shall leave on Friday afternoon.

With kind regards

Yourd very gratefully A. Graham Bell, Miss Mabel G. Hubbard, Brattle St. — Cambridge.